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Abertillery Urban District Council.

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Chairman	-	-	E. BULL, J.P. (22/11/56)
Vice-Chairman	-	-	- W. H. JONES

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E. BULL (22/11/56)

Llanhilleth.

W. H. JONES.
S. T. BUTLER.

**Day of Meeting—Last Monday in each Month,
at 6 p.m.**

Clerk of the Council	-	-	H. J. WILLIAMS, F.C.C.S.
Surveyor and Water Engineer	-	-	R. H. EKE, M.I.MUN.E.
Accountant and Treasurer	-	-	R. L. ENGLAND.
Rating and Valuation Officer	-	-	H. P. BREWER, F.R.V.A.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The Committee consists of all Members of the Council.

Councillor S. HARRIS, Chairman.

**Day of Meeting—Friday following first Monday
in each Month.**

Medical Officer of Health	-	J. WALTERS BOWEN, M.B., B.CH., B.SC., D.P.H.
Sanitary Inspector (Senr.) and Shops Inspector	-	G. A. PARRY, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Sanitary Inspector	-	D. G. GRIFFITHS, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Rodent Officer	-	L. JONES.
Clerk	-	S. E. B. SHORT

ABERTILLERY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Area of District	...	...	...	...	...	6464 acres
Rateable Value, December 31, 1956	...	...	...	...	£	147,816
Estimated Net Product of 1d. Rate, 1956	...	...	...	...	£	550
Population (Estimated Mid 1955)	...	...	...	...	26,870	
Population (Estimated Mid 1956)	...	...	...	...	26,790	
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1955	...	...	...	...	14.3	
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1956	...	...	...	...	17.0	
Live Births, 1955	...	...	...	...	386	
Live Births, 1956	...	...	...	...	457	
Number of Deaths, 1955	...	...	...	...	346	
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	...	...	...	...	12.8	
Number of Deaths, 1956	...	...	...	...	328	
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	...	...	...	...	12.2	

Abertillery Urban District Council.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1956.

*To the Chairman and Members of
Abertillery Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Abertillery Urban District is situated in the Western Valleys of Monmouthshire, 13 miles north-west of Newport, and 20 miles south-west of Monmouth.

Its greatest length, north to south is $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles, while it varies in breadth, east to west, from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. It has an area of $10\frac{1}{4}$ square miles, being one of the largest Urban Districts in the County. The population is 26,870, and the rateable value is £147,816. The estimated product of a penny rate is £550.

The Urban Area is divided into 5 wards:

Ward 1. Llanhilleth—This includes that part of Llanhilleth south-east of the Nant-Cuffin, with the portions of Crumlin and Hafodyrynys which are within the district. Members on Council, 2. Area, 894 acres. Electors, 2,617.

Ward 2. Aberbeeg.—Comprises Aberbeeg and that portion of Llanhilleth N.W. of the Nant Cuffin. Members on Council, 3. Area, 927 acres. Electors, 2,616.

Ward 3. Six Bells.—Comprises Warm Turn, Six Bells, and that portion of Abertillery south of Cwm Road and the Vivian Pit. Members on Council, 2. Area, 1,092 acres. Electors, 3,000.

Ward 4. Abertillery.—Comprises the township of Abertillery, with the exception of the portions included in Wards 3 and 5. Members on Council, 5. Area, 1,151 acres. Electors, 4,411.

Ward 5. Cwmillery.—Consists of Cwmillery with Penybont, Blaenau Gwent, and Brynteg. Members on Council, 6. Area 2,400 acres. Electors, 5,706.

The chief centres of population are :—Cwmtillery, in the Blaen-tillery Valley to the north; Abertillery, at the junction of the Blaen-tillery and Ebbw Fach Valleys; Six Bells, in the Ebbw Fach Valley to the South of Abertillery; Aberbeeg, at the junction of the Ebbw with the Ebbw Fach; and Llanhilleth and Crumlin in the Ebbw Valley to the south.

The Upper Coal Measures have been almost wholly denuded, but the Pennant Series form a moorland plateau from 1,200 to 1,600 feet above sea-level, through which valleys, deep, narrow, and confluent, run from north to south regardless of the geological formation. The whole of the Blaentillery Valley and portions of the Valleys of the River Ebbw and its tributary, the Ebbw Fach, are within the area. The Tillery coal vein, at the base of the Pennant Series, outcrops in long lines on the sides of the valley north of Aberbeeg, and has been worked by levels.

Births.

	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952
Number of Births ..	457	386	429	446	487
Birth Rate per 1,000—					
Abertillery ..	17.0	14.3	15.8	16.4	17.07
England and Wales ..	15.5	15.4	15.2	15.5	15.3
Small Towns ..	15.7	15.8	15.6	15.7	15.5

The total number of births registered locally during 1956 as belonging to the district was 182, of which 79 were males and 103 females.

The number of births registered outside the District was 275, (males 138, females 137).

The Registrar General's return of births is 457. Of this number, 217 were males and 240 females.

The number of legitimate births was 213 males and 230 females.

The total number of illegitimate births from the Registrar General's return is 14 (4 males, 10 females).

The number of births during the year 1956 is 71 more than was recorded for 1955.

Causes of Death.

TABLE II.

<i>Causes of Death.</i>	ALL CAUSES	M. 190	F. 138
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	—
2. Tuberculosis, other	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease	1	—
4. Diphtheria	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	1
6. Meningococcal infections..	..	—	—
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
8. Measles	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	2	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	9	10
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	—
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	4
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	18	10
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	—
16. Diabetes	1	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	17	20
18. Coronary disease, angina	34	18
19. Hypertension with heart disease	6	3
20. Other heart disease	23	24
21. Other circulatory disease..	..	8	2
22. Influenza	—	2
23. Pneumonia	9	7
24. Bronchitis	22	9
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	—
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	4	—
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
31. Congenital malformations	1	3
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	12	15
34. Motor vehicle accidents	4	1
35. Suicides	1	3
36. Homicides and operations of war	—	—
37. All other Accidents	6	—
Deaths in infants under 1 year of age :		8	5
Legitimate	8	5
Illegitimate	—	—
TOTAL BIRTHS	217	240
Legitimate	213	230
Illegitimate	4	10
STILL BIRTHS	TOTAL ..	8	5
Legitimate	8	5
Illegitimate	—	—

Estimated population 1956 for birth and death rates, 26,790.

TABLE III.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Quarterly Births</i>
January ..	7	10	17	
February ..	7	8	15	
March ..	3	12	15	47
April ..	7	9	19	
May ..	12	12	24	
June ..	11	9	20	60
July ..	4	5	9	
August ..	3	8	11	
September ..	3	10	13	33
October ..	6	4	10	
November ..	10	11	21	
December ..	6	5	11	42
<i>Total</i> ..	79	103	182	182
Inward Transferable Births ..	138	137	275	
Grand Total for 1956 ..	217	240	457	

Showing the number of births registered in the Abertillery Urban Area during 1956, according to sex, month, and quarter of occurrence, together with inward transferable births.

TABLE IV. Showing the infant deaths (*i.e.*, deaths in infants under 1 year of age) assigned to this district during 1956, by cause and in age groups.

Cause of Death	Under 1 week			1-2 weeks			2-3 weeks			3-4 weeks			Total under 1 month			1 month			3-4 weeks			2-3 weeks			1 month			3-4 weeks			2-3 weeks			1 month			Total deaths under 1 year		
	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	1 month	1 month	1 month	3-4 weeks	2-3 weeks	1 month	3-4 weeks	2-3 weeks	1 month	1 month	3-4 weeks	2-3 weeks	1 month	3-4 weeks	2-3 weeks	1 month	3-4 weeks	2-3 weeks	1 month	3-4 weeks	2-3 weeks	1 month	3-4 weeks	2-3 weeks	1 month	3-4 weeks	2-3 weeks	1 month								
Asphyxia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1								
Meningitis	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1								
Congenital Abnormalities	..	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3								
Pneumonia ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3								
Encephalo Myelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1								
Heart Failure ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3								
Whooping Cough ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1								

TABLE V.
Analysis of Infectious Diseases in this District during 1956. Showing Age, Sex distribution of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified in the District in 1956 also showing Admission of same to Hospital.

Disease	Under 1 year												All Ages												65 years and Upwards	Admitted to Hospital
	1-	2-	3-	+	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f		
Scarlet Fever
Diphtheria
Measles
Whooping Cough
Acute Poliomyelitis
Dysentery
Puerperal Pyrexia
Erysipelas
Food Poisoning (Suspected)
Pneumonia
Meningitis

There were 19 inquests during the year.

The circumstances of the deaths are analysed and are as follows :—

			<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cardiac Failure	..	..	4	—	4
Accidental Death	..	..	10	—	10
Post Operative Death	..	..	1	—	1
Coal Gas Poisoning	..	..	—	3	3
Pleural Effusion	..	..	1	—	1
		Total	..	16	3
					19

Zymotic Diseases.

Table No. V shows the notifiable diseases which were notified in the area during 1956.

Diphtheria.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

The immunisation of the pre-school child is now carried out at the Infant Welfare Centres by the various medical officers in attendance. Parents too may make private arrangements with their own general practitioner for such immunisation. To attain the maximum degree of protection by immunisation it is advisable that booster doses should be given when the child first attends school.

Scarlet Fever.

As will be seen from the table, 64 cases were notified of whom 7 were removed to hospital because of the impossibility of complete isolation at home, which is very necessary to prevent the spread of infection. All these cases were of a very mild character and were scattered throughout the district, there being no localised outbreaks.

Measles.

104 cases of Measles were notified during the year.

Whooping Cough.

60 cases were notified during the year.

TABLE VI.

Showing Monthly notification of Tuberculosis (all forms) for the year 1956.

Month	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		TOTAL
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
January . .	1	2	—	—	3
February	2	—	—	—	2
March . .	1	—	—	—	1
April . .	—	2	—	—	2
May . .	1	1	—	—	2
June . .	4	—	—	—	4
July . .	2	—	—	—	2
August . .	3	—	—	—	3
September	1	—	—	—	1
October . .	—	—	—	—	—
November	—	1	—	—	1
December	1	—	—	—	1
	16	6	—	—	22

TABLE VII.

Year	Yearly Notification of Tuberculosis.				Deaths from Tuberculosis				Total Yearly Deaths from Tuberculosis	
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary and Non- Pulmonary T.B.		Non-Pulmonary			
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females		
1948	8	15	1	2	26	7	7	1	16	
1949	17	9	3	1	30	10	8	1	21	
1950	10	7	3	2	22	6	3	1	11	
1951	14	13	1	1	29	5	1	2	9	
1952	12	9	4	3	28	7	3	2	13	
1953	12	15	4	2	33	2	2	1	5	
1954	16	5	—	—	21	7	3	—	10	
1955	10	11	1	—	22	1	5	—	6	
1956	16	6	—	—	22	2	—	—	2	

TABLE VIII. Showing the admissions and discharges to institutions for the treatment of of Tuberculosis during 1956.

Institution	Admissions		Discharges	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Energlyn ...	1	—	2	1
Chepstow Annexe ..	2	—	3	—
Gelli-Gaer ...	—	8	—	7
Glan Ely ...	3	—	3	1
South Wales Sanatorium, Talgarth .	11	—	15	—
Sully ...	4	7	2	6
Cefn Mably...	3	—	3	1
Mardy ..	1	—	—	—
	25	15	28	16

All cases of suspected Tuberculosis are seen at the Chest Clinic run by the Regional Hospital Board.

The number of new cases examined from the Abertillery District during 1956 was 266 and of these the number of cases diagnosed as suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis are as follows:—

Pulmonary Tuberculosis 16 males
6 females

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis Nil male
Nil females

Total number of attendances during 1956 at the Clinic, (*i.e.*, new and old cases during 1956)—896.

Meteorological Records.

SUMMARY OF DAILY RECORDS TAKEN AT NEW CEMETERY AND THE PARK, 1956.

Month	The Park		New Cemetery		
	Inches	Rain Days	Hours	Highest	Lowest
January	6.64	17	16.30	53.3	8.3
February	0.20	4	29.00	49.3	0.3
March	2.00	11	63.40	58.0	16.8
April	2.22	13	82.30	60.5	21.3
May	1.79	8	119.30	73.0	25.0
June	4.03	14	78.10	75.1	30.8
July	6.31	18	69.40	76.4	36.5
August	4.65	19	83.50	67.6	35.0
September	7.51	14	33.50	73.9	37.3
October	2.22	16	48.10	65.7	23.0
November	2.11	10	41.00	54.3	20.5
December	9.47	17	6.40	56.8	15.4

Total inches for year, 94.15 Rain days, 161.

Total hours of Sunshine, 725.30.

Highest Temperature for Year, 76.4 F.

Lowest Temperature for Year, 0.3 F.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE.

The following report was kindly supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor, REGINALD H. EKE, Esq., M.I.MUN.E.

The collection of Refuse in the Urban Area is carried out with Petrol-Driven Vehicles with covered bodies of semi-circular type so as to prevent, as far as possible, dust being blown about while the lorries are travelling.

Collections are made three times weekly, also collection of Trade Refuse from the Business Premises.

The method of disposal is by the well-known Bradford Method, described as "Controlled Tipping."

On the closing down of the Refuse Destructor at the end of 1928, the disposal of refuse was carried out by crude tipping which quickly resulted in complaints of obnoxious smells, vermin, fires, etc., especially on the Tip at Rose Heyworth Road. In 1932, however, the Council introduced the above described method of disposal by which the refuse was laid down to plan, properly consolidated, and covered over with earth at the end of each day's work. This method eliminates much of the nuisance attendant on the old method, and is being used to provide facilities for recreation. The Council have formed Sports Grounds at Rose Heyworth Road for the Artillery Grammar School, and the Ground, when completed by the School Authority, will include a Football Field, Hockey Pitch, Cricket Pitch and Tennis Courts.

Other Grounds completed are at the Walpole Field, Llanhilleth, Woodland Field, Cwmtillery, a Children's Playground and a Recreation Ground at Aberbeeg, and another Recreation Ground is being formed at Brynithel. Considerable interest is being shewn in these activities by neighbouring Authorities, and several Councils have sent their Representatives to view the progress and method of the work.

THE ABERTILLERY & DISTRICT WATER BOARD.

The Engineer to the Board, PERCY BEARD, Esq., A.M.INST.C.E., A.M.INST.W.E., A.M.I.MECH.E., has supplied the following particulars.

The total rainfall for 1956, at Grwyne Fawr Reservoir, Breconshire, was 47.93 inches as compared with 53.70 inches in 1955, and 68.78 inches in 1954.

During 1956, the highest monthly rainfall recorded was 7.46 inches in September and the lowest was 0.71 inches in February.

The highest daily rainfall recorded was 2.43 inches on the 1st September. Rain fell on 211 days at the Reservoir during 1956.

The mains and service pipes in the Board's district are continually tested and inspected for leakages and many repairs are carried out to cracked and fractured pipes, caused mainly through subsidence.

The Board's Llanover Pumping Treatment Plant since it has been commissioned has made good the deficiencies which existed in some areas under normal conditions and has proved an invaluable source of supply in times of drought.

Common Lodging House.

There is only one registered common lodging house in the district and this is situate at Crumlin. The premises are kept in a clean condition and in good repair.

Pit-Head Baths.

Pit-head baths are now established in connection with the Rose Heyworth, Cwmillery and Llanhilleth Collieries, and also the new Areal Griffin Baths were opened during the year.

These establishments are working satisfactorily and are proving a great boon to those engaged in the industry.

Other pit-head baths are required, and plans at present are under consideration.

Swimming Baths.

There is one swimming bath in this area situated in the Park at Abertillery, and controlled by the Abertillery U.D.C.

This is an open-air bath, which was originally constructed in 1900, and measured 90 feet x 30 feet, with 88,594 gallons capacity. The bath was modernised in 1936 at a cost of £3,000, providing a bath 92 feet x 43 feet, with 125,000 gallons capacity. The special filtration plant is capable of "turning the water over" in six hours. There are 20 cubicles for men and 13 for women, with provision for sun-bathing on concrete promenades.

1. Date of Construction	1900—Modernised 1936.
2. Open-air or Covered	Open-air.
3. Cost of Construction	Modernisation £3,000.
4. Capacity :	
(a) Dimensions	92ft. x 43ft.
(b) Gallonage to fill	125,000.
(c) Number of bathers provided for	33 Cubicles.
5. Method of Purification	Filtration and Chlorination Plant.
6. How often changed	Six-hourly periods of "turn over"
7. Source of Water Supply.	Local.
(a) If local, estimated flow	(a) 30/60 gallons per minute according to season from adjacent stream.
(b) If purchased, cost per 1,000 gallons.	(b) Mains supply.
	(a) Annual easement for water right.
	(b) 2/- per 1,000 gallons.

8.	Laundry facilities (if any)	None.
9.	Number of cubicles	33.
10.	Any other dressing accommodation provided	None.
11.	Number of Staff engaged	One to Two.
12.	Duration of open period	April to September.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Sanitary Inspectors, and other Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

Yours obediently,

J. WALTERS BOWEN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Abertillery
Urban District Council.

Senior Public Health Inspector's

REPORT

For the Year

1956.

Public Health Department,
Gddfellows Hall,
Queen Street,
Abertillery, Mon.

The following is my report on work carried out by the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1956.

The Sanitary Administration and Conditions for the year 1956

The following tables show particulars of the work carried out by the Sanitary Officers :—

Visits to Animals, etc., kept :—

Piggeries	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Stables	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Fowls, pigeons	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

Complaints :—

Total number investigated (all premises)	..	..	..	..	499
Common Lodging Houses	..	..	..	..	10

Dairies :—

Premises examined	..	..	..	..	..	48
Number of Purveyors' vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	29

Drainage :—

Number of main or branch drains smoke tested	..	..	..	39
" " " " " " colour tested	..	..	..	93
" " " " " " found defective	..	..	..	44
" " " " " " re-constructed	..	..	..	29
Visits to works in progress	..	..	..	89

Dwelling Houses :—

Number inspected <i>re</i> complaint of nuisance	..	..	..	430
Number re-inspected	..	..	..	432
Number inspected <i>re</i> overcrowding	..	..	..	—
Interviews with Owners	..	..	..	90
" " Tradesmen	..	..	..	80

Licensed Houses, Cafes, etc. examined *re* urinals, W.C.

Visits not otherwise classified	82
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Offensive Trade premises

Number inspected	77
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Amusement premises

Number inspected	46
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The nuisances were :—

Defective Roofs, troughing, down-pipes, etc.	163
Defective Window-frames, doors, etc.	35
Defective or insufficient yard paving	..	..	..	..	2
Damp or Defective Walls, external	..	..	..	..	35
Choked or defective drainage	..	..	..	..	33
Insufficient W.C. and slop-water drainage	..	..	..	..	10
Defective and insufficient closet accommodation	..	..	..	..	31

Defective and insufficient water supply	..	..	..	..	4
Miscellaneous nuisances	..	..	..	..	51
Defective ceilings	..	..	..	..	27
Defective walls (internal)	..	..	..	..	15
Defective floors	..	..	..	..	11
Defective waste pipes	..	..	..	..	5

Many and varied were the nuisances discovered. In some cases the owners and occupiers were interviewed and the nuisances abated at once, and in other cases legal notices were served.

Foods.

MILK SUPPLY.

Number of persons registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1950.

Number on Register in 1956	..	..	..	..	22
Licensed to sell Pasteurised Milk	..	..	..	..	17
Licensed to sell Sterilised Milk	..	..	..	..	13
Licensed to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	..	..	..	..	15

Supplementary Licences to sell --

Sterilised Milk	..	..	..	..	..	2
Pasteurised Milk	..	..	..	..	..	3
T.T. Milk	..	..	..	..	..	3

The number of inspections made last year was 48 and Vehicles 29.

ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered during the year	..	..	..	..	6
Number of premises registered	..	..	..	..	85
Number of registered persons producing	..	..	..	..	-
Number of inspections of premises and vehicles	..	..	..	..	62

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following particulars show the amount of attention given to securing a wholesome supply of food.

Visits to Premises :—

Fish, fruit and vegetable shops	..	..	..	..	87
Meat shops	..	..	..	..	298
Fried fish and chip shops	..	..	..	..	77
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	74
Fishmongers	..	..	..	..	77
Premises registered for the preparation of food				..	201
Other premises where food is prepared, sold or stored				..	341
Cafes and Hotels	..	..	..	..	3

STORES AND VEHICLES.

Attention is being given to the cleanliness of vehicles, wrappers, etc., used for bringing meat into the district and for conveying meat to the shops, and the conditions are satisfactory.

The men who handle such meat are compelled to wear clean overalls.

There is no public abattoir but there is one private slaughterhouse which is used regularly.

FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS.

There are 10 registered shops in the area which are kept in a satisfactory condition.

77 inspections of these premises were carried out.

OTHER FOODS.

Meat, fish and fruit shops are regularly visited, and the food exposed for sale or stored is examined.

Pork butchers' premises, where sausage meat and small goods are prepared, receive great and constant attention.

Bakehouses are regularly inspected, and the sanitary conditions are noted and dealt with as required.

No Cases of food poisoning were notified in the district during 1956.

The Sale of Food and Drugs Act is administered by the Monmouthshire County Council.

Summary of Foodstuffs Condemned.

No.	Details	Weight
4 tins	Syrup	
13 „	Condensed Milk	
88 „	Evaporated Milk	
49 „	Stew	
4 „	Groats	
23 „	Cream	
1 Jar	Cream	
1 „	Horlicks	
9 Jars	Pickles	
12 bottles	Sauce	
3 tins	Strained Food	
189 „	Peas	
2 „	Normeat	
3 „	Spaghetti	
5 „	Salad	
16 „	Creamed Rice	
2 „	Steak and Onions	
5 „	Meat Loaf	
71 tins	Danish Pork	46lbs. 10ozs
6 „	Danish Pork	
5 „	Jellied Veal	30lbs.
6 „	Chopped Pork	26lbs.
21 „	Tongue	49lbs. 14ozs
1 „	Bacon	13lbs.
112 „	Corned Beef	192lbs. 2ozs
27 „	Corned Beef	
16 „	Ham	149lbs.
13 „	Beef	43lbs. 8ozs
9 „	Beef	
20 „	Minced Beef Loaf	16lbs. 4ozs
1 „	Corned Beef Cereal	12ozs
1 „	Pork Roll	10ozs
	Ham	13lbs. 9ozs

Summary of Foodstuffs Condemned—*contd.*

<i>No.</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Weight</i>
	Gammon	27lbs.
	Lard	8ozs
18 tins	Pork Luncheon Meat	17lbs. 7ozs
	Cheeses	290lbs. 12ozs
1 tin	Frozen Eggs	28lbs.
	Pork	6lbs.
	Leg of Pork	19lbs.
	Beef	35lbs.
	Sausages	23lbs.
	Liver	10lbs.
4	Steak Pies	
14	Miscellaneous	
12 pkts.	Crisps	
2 tins	Chopped Ham	
1 pkt.	Cornflakes	
2 jars	Jam	
10 lbs.	Prunes	
3 jars	Brands essence	
13 tins	Stewed Steak	
438 tins	Fruit	
70 „	Beans	
538 „	Tomatoes	
32 „	Fish	
3 pkts	Fish	
7 tins	Paste	
7 „	Soup	
5 „	Meat and Vegetable	
2 „	Steak and Vegetable	
5 lbs.	Oats	
4 lbs.	Flour	
12 lbs.	Sultanas	

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

Total

89

1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts 	221
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 	548
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925-1952 	25
(b) Number of inspections made for that purpose 	38
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious as to be unfit for human habitation 	24
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous sub-headings found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 	197

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers

112

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs

nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

 (a) By owners

nil

 (b) By local authority in default of owners

nil

HOUSING—cont.

(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	66
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a)	By owners	51
(b)	By local authority in default of owners	5
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936, and Section 10 (1) and 11 (2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act, 1953:—	
(1)	Number of representations made to the Local Authority in respect of unfit dwelling-houses ..	13
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made	nil
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders were made	11
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	11
(5)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were revoked	1
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1)	Number of representations made to the local authority in respect of parts of dwelling-houses or underground rooms	13
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of parts of which Closing Orders were made	13

Housing, 1956.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF HOUSES OWNED BY
ABERTILLERY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL AT 31/12/56

	Temp. Pre-fabs	Perm. Pre-fabs	Traditional (Including requisitioned Property)	TOTAL
*No of houses owned by Local Authority on 31/12/56 (including Flats)	100	300	452	852
No. of houses in course of erection on 31/12/56 ...	—	—	—	—
No. of houses for which sanction had been given, but which had not been commenced on 31/12/56 ..	—	—	—	—
†By Local Authority	—	—	89	89
†By Private Enterprise ...	—	—	6	6
TOTAL	—	—	95	95

*Showing the number of Houses owned by Abertillery Urban District Council at 31/12/56.

†Showing the number of Houses erected by the Abertillery Urban District Council and by Private Enterprise during 1956.

REGISTERED FACTORIES.

Factories without Mechanical Power :—

Boot repairers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Carpentry and Joinery ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Radio and Electrical repairs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5

Factories with Mechanical Power :—

Bake-houses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Brewers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motor repairers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Mortar Mills ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Carpentry and Joinery ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Undertakers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sausage and Cooked Meats ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Boot repairers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dressmaking ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Industrial Gloves ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wagon repairers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Iron Foundries ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tin Plating ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gas Works ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Printing Works ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Manufacturing Chemists ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lampshade Making ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Precast Concrete Making ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dairies ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Watch repairers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cable repairs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45

Factory Act, 1937.

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		Occupier Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 enforced by Local Authority ..	5	53	—	—
(2) Factories not inc. in (1) to which Section 7 applies ..	40	106	1	—
(a) Subject to the L/A's (transfer of Enforcement) Order 1938				
(b) Others ..	—	—	—	—
(3) Other premises under the Act (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	45	159	—	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES.

Particulars	Number of Defects		
	Found	Remedied	Number of Prosecutions
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3	—
Want of ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation	2	1	1
	1	1	1
	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—
TOTAL	6	5	2

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

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REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

Name of Local Authority—ABERTILLERY U.D.C. (County)—MONMOUTHSHIRE.

I.	NON-AGRICULTURAL			Total Agricultural Cols. 1, 2, 3
	Dwelling houses	All other (in- cluding Business Premises).	Total Cols. 1, 2, 3	
	Local Authority	Inc. Council houses	3	
1	2	3		
Total number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 and 2)	27	7236	491	7754
II. Number of properties inspected as a result of:—				
(a) Notification	—	143	14	157
(b) Survey under the Act	27	956	392	1375
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose)	—	—	—	—
III. Total inspections carried out—including re-inspections (to be completed only if figures are readily available)	—	—	—	—
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by:—				
(a) Rats	...	...	Major 4 —	1 15 —
(b) Mice	...	...	Minor — Major 204 —	176 — 6 210 —

V.	Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the Local Authority (Figures should not exceed those given at Sect. IV.)	...	...	...	361	22	387	—
VI.	Total treatments carried out including re-treatments (To be completed only if figures are readily available)							
VII.	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :—							
	(a) Treatment	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
	(b) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)	...	...	...	1	25	—	26
VIII.	Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act.	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
IX.	Legal Proceedings (see overleaf)	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
X.	Number of "block" control schemes carried out...	—	—	—	9	—	9	—

In conclusion, I wish to thank all Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. A. PARRY,
Senior Inspector.



